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Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne's best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m.

Symphony in Color submissions ready for pick up June 27

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association (ISOA) is asking that all Wabash County art students whose artwork was submitted for Symphony in Color state consideration pick up their artwork and awards from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 27 at the City Park Pavilion, 800 W. Hill St. Art teachers from Manchester Elementary School, Southwood Elementary School, Metro North Elementary School, Sharp Creek Elementary School, O.J. Neighbors Elementary School, Wabash Middle School, St. Bernard Elementary School and homeschooling are asked to attend, as well.

'Hope House Under the Stars' fundraiser June 28

To raise proceeds for a Hope House, a fundraiser called "Hope House Under the Stars," will take place

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'Blue Rally' planned to support law enforcement

Event planned for July 8 at the Wabash County Courthouse steps

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A "Blue Rally" as a show of support for those who work in law enforcement is being organized for next month, according to Laura Cole, who is co-hosting the event with Barbara Pearson, Wabash

County Republican Party chair.

The event is planned for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Wabash County Courthouse steps.

"We have a slate of speakers and hope to have many attend to show their appreciation for our men and women in blue," said Cole.

Cole said at this time, confirmed speakers, in addition to Pearson, include Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington; Terry Brewer, Wabash city councilman; Tim Morbitzer, Victory Christian Fellowship pastor; and Emery McClendon, a tea party organizer

from Fort Wayne.

Cole said they were waiting to hear back from Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill regarding his availability.

"More speakers may be added to the roster," said Cole. "We have a line-up of speakers you won't want to miss. More importantly, your presence will be a wonderful display of just how needed, appreciated and valued our law enforcement officers are. We encourage you to wear blue and bring signs of support."

The rally follows a series of

peaceful protests earlier this month in both Wabash and North Manchester against racism and police brutality.

"The motivation behind this rally is a desire to express to law enforcement the public's appreciation for their commitment to law and order and the safety and welfare of the citizens of Wabash County," said Cole.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y79ku58h>.

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Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Earlier this month, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced all 92 counties in the state could advance to Stage 4 of the Back On Track Indiana plan on Friday, June 12. For restaurants, that meant dining room food service could open at up to 75 percent capacity as long as social distancing was observed.

Re-opening restaurants

Reduced seating capacity, supply chain issues offer challenges

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For restaurants, that meant dining room food service could open at up to 75 percent capacity as long as social distancing was observed. Bar seating in restaurants could open at 50 percent capacity. Bars and nightclubs may open at 50 percent capacity as long as they adhered to social distancing guidelines.

But, just because bars and dining rooms can open doesn't mean things have immediately returned to normal.

"I am guessing though that with the capacity restrictions in the restaurants and even the supply chain interruptions that some have experienced related to the

COVID-19 crisis that they aren't back to where they were pre-COVID," said Keith A. Gillenwater, president and CEO of Grow Wabash County. "From my personal experience, I've eaten in several of our restaurants post-reopening and they are not as full as they were going back to February, so I think it will take time for not only the phased reopening to allow the restaurants to fill their tables but also for consumer confidence to return to pre-COVID levels and feel comfortable coming out to eat, bringing your family members that may have compromised immune systems or the young or elderly."

Gillenwater said he was thankful for the business owners who have adapted to the changing environment.

"I am thankful for our local and state leadership, and even the feds, who have created or funded programs to help our business community in their time of need, and I grateful to our many partners who stepped up to work alongside Grow Wabash County to do their parts to help the community," said Gillenwater.

Gillenwater said revolving loans

from Wabash Marketplace have helped local small businesses including restaurants during this uncertain time.

Andrea Zwiebel, Wabash Marketplace executive director, said from everything she was hearing, "the return to normal will be a long haul" for restaurants.

Robert Budd, owner of Market Street Grill, said during the lockdown they were able to offer curbside pick up for customers. Budd said this accounted for about 10 percent of what they would normally see in sales before the pandemic.

Budd said they were able to reopen in early May at 50 percent capacity. Budd said at that point, the sales were at about 40 percent of what they were pre-COVID-19 during the first week. Budd said the second week was at 45 percent. And by the third week, it was "nudging" a bit over 50 percent.

"These percentages represent dinner numbers only as I have still not opened for lunch," said Budd. "With all of the supply issues and occupancy limits I will not likely not open back up for lunch until the second or third week in July," said Budd.

Grow Wabash County plans virtual talk with Senator Braun

Senator set to answer questions at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has announced investors are invited to join a virtual question and answer session with Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

The discussion topics for this session will include:

■ Legislative updates from the Senate and what they

mean for Wabash County

■ Efforts Braun has been involved in during the most recent legislative session

■ Time for questions and answers with the virtual audience

"Come with questions," said Boulrisse.

Registration is required for this session is required either by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y92hktor> or emailing chelsea@growwabashcounty.com by Monday, June 29.



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Indiana Department of Natural Resources seeking turkey brood observers for across the state

The goal of at least 25 observations per county is set

STAFF REPORT

Each summer, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Fish and Wildlife compiles observations of wild turkey broods, or hens with poults, and hens without broods during July and August to obtain an estimate of the annual wild turkey Production Index, according to Elizabeth Middleton, stewardship outreach

specialist.

The survey runs from July 1 to Aug. 31.

The Production Index is defined as the number of poults per adult hen.

"Annual production is a primary factor influencing wild turkey population trends, regional population levels and subsequent harvests and hunter success," said Middleton.

Middleton said this year, they aim to collect 3,000 brood observation reports across the state, with a goal of at least 25 observations per county.

"We are especially in-

terested in obtaining more observations in the southeastern portion of the state," said Middleton. "We know there is a large amount of turkey habitat there, but we have received fewer reports in this region than in other parts of the state. The more observations we obtain, the better we can improve our estimates of turkey production regionally and inform wild turkey management."

To register as a 2020 participant, visit on.IN.gov/turkeybrood and you will be asked to create a username and provide contact information.

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DOI warns damage from fireworks may not be covered by insurance

However, property damage due to another person's use of fireworks might be

STAFF REPORT

Even though many Independence Day celebrations have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of fireworks in communities across the state is tradition to celebrate the holiday.

The Indiana Department of Insurance (DOI) is warning Hoosier homeowners and renters that accidental damage caused by fireworks that are banned in their counties may not be covered by their homeowners or renters insurance policies, according to Jenifer Groth, deputy commissioner for communication and personnel.

Many insurance policies contain provisions disclaiming coverage for illegal acts committed by the insured. However, consumers who experience property damage due to another person's use of fireworks may be able to claim benefits under their homeowner's or renter's policy.

In 2018, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Annual Fireworks Report, 62 percent of all reported firework injuries occurred from June 22 to July 22.

There were an estimated 9,100 fireworks injuries treated at hospital emergency departments nationwide in 2018 – 36 percent of fireworks injuries were to children younger than 15 years old. About 45 percent of fireworks injuries were burns.

The following are laws governing fireworks in the Hoosier state, and many towns and cities have additional ordinances that Hoosiers must follow:

■ Fireworks may be purchased only by persons 18 years of age or older

■ Fireworks may be used on the user's personal property, on the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks on that property, or a location designated specifically for the use of consumer fireworks

■ Consumer fireworks may be used

Fauci hopeful for a vaccine by late 2020 or early 2021

By **LAURAN NEERGAARD and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dr. Anthony Fauci said Tuesday he is cautiously optimistic there will be a COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the year or early 2021, but warned that the next few weeks will be critical to tamping down coronavirus hot spots around the country.

Fauci and other top health officials also said they have not been asked to slow down testing for coronavirus, a controversial issue after President Donald Trump said last weekend that he had asked them to do just that because it was uncovering too many infections. Trump said earlier in the day that he wasn't kidding.

"We will be doing more testing," Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, told a House committee.

The U.S. has tested more than 27 million people, with about 2.3 million — or 8.4 percent — testing positive.

The health officials returned to Capitol Hill at a fraught moment in the nation's pandemic response, with coronavirus cases rising in about half the states and political polarization competing for attention with public health recommendations.

"We've been hit badly," Fauci said. He said he was "really quite concerned" about rising community spread in some states, including Arizona, which Trump was visiting Tuesday to view construction of a border wall and for a rally at a megachurch.

"The next couple of weeks are going to be critical in our ability to address those surges," he said.

Fauci, who heads the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, was testifying along with Centers

for Disease Control director Dr. Robert Redfield, Federal Drug Administration chief Dr. Stephen Hahn and the head of the U.S. Public Health Service, Adm. Brett Giroir.

Since Fauci's last appearance at a high-profile hearing more than a month ago, the U.S. has begun emerging from weeks of stay-at-home orders and business shutdowns. But it's being done in an uneven way, with some states far less cautious than others. A trio of states with Republican governors who are bullish on reopening — Arizona, Florida and Texas — are among those seeing worrisome increases in cases.

Last week, Vice President Mike Pence published an opinion article in The Wall Street Journal saying the administration's efforts have strengthened the nation's ability to counter the virus and should be "a cause for celebration."

Then at his weekend rally in Tulsa, Trump called for slowing testing. White House officials later tried to walk back Trump's comment, suggesting it wasn't meant to be taken literally.

Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey, who chairs the Energy and Commerce Committee, said during Tuesday's hearing that Trump's testing comment at the rally "was an extremely reckless action, and unfortunately it continues the president's pattern of ignoring the advice of his own public health experts."

Trump played down those comments Tuesday, saying under his administration the U.S. is doing more testing than any other country.

Fauci has recently warned that the U.S. is still in the first wave of the pandemic and has continued to urge the American public to practice social distancing. And, in a recent ABC News interview, he said political demonstrations such as pro-

tests against racial injustice are "risky" to all involved. Asked if that applied to Trump rallies, he said it did. Fauci continues to recognize widespread testing as critical for catching clusters of COVID-19 cases before they turn into full outbreaks in a given community.

About 2.3 million Americans have been sickened in the pandemic, and some 120,000 have died, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Giroir was tapped by the White House to oversee the expansion of coronavirus testing. But he gained notoriety after a whistleblower complaint flagged him for trying to push a malaria drug touted by Trump to treat COVID-19 without conclusive scientific evidence. The FDA has since withdrawn its emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine.

"There have been a lot of unfortunate missteps in the Trump administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic," Pallone said. "As communities across the country ease social distancing guidance and reopen their economies, it is critically important that both the administration and Congress remain focused on containing the spread of the coronavirus and providing the resources and support Americans need during this time of crisis."

There is still no vaccine for COVID-19, and there are no treatments specifically developed for the disease, although the antiviral drug remdesivir has been shown to help some patients, as well as a steroid called dexamethasone, and plasma from patients who have recovered.

Since Fauci last testified, hospital physicians have become more skilled in treating coronavirus patients with the techniques and medications at their disposal.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Chance Showers 79 / 59	 Thursday Mostly Sunny 83 / 68	 Friday Scattered T-storms 88 / 72	 Saturday Few Showers 84 / 70	 Sunday Scattered T-storms 88 / 72
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:23 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:18 a.m.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 44%. West wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 59°. West southwest wind 2 to 10 mph.

The only way for definitive diagnosis is biopsy

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm 30 years old, and I have a lump in my breast, which imaging tests suggest is a fibroadenoma. I'm getting married in six months, and I am leaning toward having a biopsy so I won't worry during my wedding and honeymoon. With the COVID-19 pandemic, is it selfish of me to have the biopsy right now?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



DEAR READER: It's understandable that, even with reassuring results from a mammogram and an ultrasound, you want a definitive diagnosis. As you mentioned in your letter, the only way to achieve that is with a biopsy. However, due to the pandemic, many hospitals have been forced to shift their attention and resources to dealing with COVID-19 patients, and some have put elective surgeries and routine medical care on hold. This means that decisions that in normal times would have been fairly straightforward have now become complex issues.

Let's start with what we do know. Your radiologist has reported that the imaging tests you've undergone suggest the mass in your breast is a fibroadenoma, which is a benign tumor. It's made up of both connective and glandular tissue, and it typically feels hard and smooth to the touch. Fibroadenomas are the most common type of noncancerous growth in young women between the ages of 15 and 35. Some are so small that they can only be seen in a scan, while larger ones are discovered through touch, as during a monthly breast self-exam. No matter the size, in most cases fibroadenomas don't play a role in risk for breast cancer.

The good news is that imaging techniques are quite good at differentiating between benign masses, such as fibroadenomas and cysts, and those that are malignant. When a benign growth is discovered via imaging, it is often recommended that a follow-up scan be performed within six months. If the results of the subse-

quent imaging tests raise a red flag, then the next step is a biopsy. This is a surgical procedure in which a small sample is removed from the suspicious tissue and sent to a pathology lab to be looked at under a microscope. It's only when the tissue is examined at the cellular level that a pathologist can state conclusively if the mass is benign or malignant.

A woman's age adds another layer to the decision-making process here. When a woman is in her teens and 20s, benign causes for a breast mass are considered to be more likely. But that changes for women in their 30s, particularly now, as we are seeing more young women diagnosed with breast cancer. In your case, it would be wise to seek guidance from both the

radiologist who performed and interpreted your scans and your family doctor. This type of biopsy is usually an outpatient procedure that can be performed in a surgical center rather than in a hospital operating room. Wherever you go, check that you are comfortable with the safety protocols that are in place. If your particular region is not hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, and if your medical team agrees that a biopsy is a better choice for you than watchful waiting, there's nothing selfish about moving forward.

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Opinion

What the next stimulus should look like

So far, the U.S. economic-policy response to the coronavirus crisis has been impressive. Nobody could accuse Congress and the Federal Reserve of being timid about supporting output and employment.

Even so, their work is just getting started. The recovery is underway, but it follows an extraordinarily deep decline. If all goes well from here – a big if – it will take months and maybe years to get back on track. Meanwhile, several of the emergency budget measures included in the recent CARES Act and other pandemic legislation will soon expire. The economy needs a new round of fiscal support.

In designing the next package, Congress would be wise to lean heavily on the plan advanced recently by Jason Furman, Timothy Geithner, Glenn Hubbard and Melissa Kearney – distinguished economists and former policy makers from both political parties. Their proposal not only meets the needs of the moment by extending support where required. It also redesigns several of the main instruments of fiscal stimulus so they'll work more effectively both now and in future

recessions.

The plan includes extended income support for the unemployed and underemployed; new temporary subsidies for low-wage workers; cheap loans for small and medium-sized businesses; and additional support for state and local governments. The eventual cost isn't certain. It might range between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion, say the authors, depending on whether the recovery is fast or slow. But note that this elasticity is a good thing. Settling on a number for additional public spending regardless of how things work out makes little sense, because the slower the recovery, the more support will be needed. It's better to specify the policies and let conditions dictate the outlay.

The CARES Act supplemented existing unemployment-insurance programs with several new measures, including an extra payment of \$600 a week for those out of work. That's one of the provisions due to expire next month. Furman and colleagues propose to extend the extra support, but in the form of an addition to state unemployment benefits that's capped at 40 percent of covered wages up to a

maximum of \$400 a week. The idea is to replace, in all, about 80-90 percent of lost wages for workers who were making the median wage or less. This avoids the financial penalty that the flat \$600, if renewed, would impose on low-wage workers returning to their jobs.

In addition, the plan would help these workers directly by temporarily boosting the Earned Income Tax Credit. And it would permanently link federal support for extended unemployment insurance to state jobless rates. That way, workers in areas with high unemployment get more help, and the additional support phases out automatically as more people get back to work. In these ways, the scheme strikes a better balance, as the recovery proceeds, between helping low-wage workers and supporting the unemployed.

In the same vein, the plan both extends and modifies other aspects of the existing fiscal-support measures. For instance, instead of the forgivable loans of the Paycheck Protection Program, it favors loan subsidies. This kind of support is better targeted at firms that will be viable and capable of expanding

as the recovery advances, as opposed to those that are likely to fail regardless. The plan also includes a generous extension of support for state and local governments – in the form of block grants (with strings attached), expanded Medicaid assistance linked to state unemployment rates, and additional support for K-12 and higher education.

A scheme like this has a narrow purpose. It shouldn't rule out other additions to public spending, least of all investments that would pay for themselves, such as funding for infrastructure and clean energy. And it shouldn't sideline broader fiscal reform, including the need for a fairer system of taxes and entitlements, and a plan for securing long-term budgetary control. For the moment, though, an effective response to the pandemic has to come first.

That means supporting demand, boosting employment and protecting the most vulnerable from economic harm. If the existing instruments for achieving those goals can be made more powerful at the same time, so much the better.

This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.

The police: Back to the future

"To recognise always that the power of the police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behaviour; and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect." – From the nine principles set out in Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel's General Instructions issued to every new police officer in the Metropolitan Police of the Greater London area, starting in 1829

Peel's directive to win the public's approval was No. 2 on his list, right after the duty of police to "prevent crime and disorder" and right before securing the willingness of the public in the "observance of laws."

That's the whole concept of policing in a nutshell. Public safety is possible only if the public trusts that laws are just and police are fair in enforcing them.

Maintaining that trust is – our should be, at least, an ongoing community endeavor, as police adapt to new realities and residents respond to practices they prefer and ones they object to.

But communities in Indiana across the nation today are embarking on massive re-evaluations of police practices and public safety efforts that were prompted not by the evolution of local conditions but by a national outcry over the death of one man at the hands of police in Minnesota.

That outcry has led people to conclude that the bond between police and public is more fragile than ever. That may be true in some communities more than others; the danger is that all communities will be treated the same both in public opinion and official policy.

Certainly, there is a nationwide rift in our perception of police, a racial divide we have never gotten a handle on.

Consider two tableaux, both indelibly imbedded in the public consciousness. Each represents a mother instructing her son in how to handle the police presence in their lives.

One mother tells her son that the police are his friends. They are the good guys, and he should turn to them if ever he's in trouble.

The other tells her son to always be careful in his encounters with police. They don't need a reason to be suspicious of him except the way he looks.

Both mothers are right – from their perspective – and trying to deal with the groups the two of them represent tests the endurance of Sir Robert's wisdom.

Police are caught between the two groups, one with no trust in the current system at all, the other with an abundance of it. One group keeps shouting that "Black Lives Matter" and that attempts to dilute that message mean the rest of us still aren't listening. The other group insists that "All Lives Matter" and to behave otherwise will destroy the principle of equality under the law.

The task of police is to win the trust of one group without weakening the trust of the other. But that task should have always been a part of the community agenda. If it is only being addressed as a standalone item in response to perceived pressure, rather than being a part of the community's regular growth, the search for "social justice" for one aggrieved group could overshadow the equal justice all citizens are entitled to.

Police have a monumental power over us and thus a monumental obligation to use that power wisely. It is up to all of us to demand that police treat us with respect and use their lethal authority with restraint, but we can't do it in a way that leaves them feeling despised for doing a dangerous job.

We can argue all day about whether a particular deadly encounter should have sparked such national turmoil, but in fact it did, and we are where we are. The question is what to do now.

Here in Fort Wayne, and likely in other Hoosier cities, leaders are leaning toward the "8 Can't Wait" national initiative to tame to the use of police force. The recommendations range from commonsensical to wishful thinking: Ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all alternatives before shooting, obey a duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require use-of-force continuum, require comprehensive reporting.

None of them, alone or in combination, will prove to be a cure-all.

There also seems to be such a desire for police body cameras that their adoption is a near certainty. That won't be a panacea, either. They can increase transparency, which might increase trust, but they will create other issues, such as a further loss of the privacy that is eroding daily.

But they are proposals worth talking about as long as we keep a couple of things in mind.

One is that we treat each police department as unique, with its specific strengths and weaknesses, instead of all being fixable with the same nationally inspired (or dictated) prescription. Most aren't perfect, but neither are they overrun with racist predators.

The other is that we try to transition from the concept of group identity to one of individual sovereignty. Police should see each of us as citizens, all with the same right to justice, rather than members of demographic groups whose clout ebbs and flows with the political tides.

Our goal should be for police to seek and preserve public favor, to quote Peel again, "not by pandering to public opinion, but by constantly demonstrating absolutely impartial service to law."

And we have to rediscover, if we have lost it, our "willingness in observance" of the laws that can transcend our tribalism and make public safety a collaborative effort instead of a club not everyone feels like a member of.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Psalm 30:2



My father's kitchen

The kitchen of my childhood was my father's kingdom.

A single dad for all but one of my teen years, he and I shared a large, empty house situated on a Central Florida lake, taking turns with solitude and the few chairs left behind by a series of wives.

Kathleen Parker



Our kitchen took turns, too. Sometimes it was a clubhouse for lonely bachelors full of goodwill, liquor and jokes. All divorced or widowed, the six or seven of them would convene for cocktails and banter, which I rapidly observed from a respectful distance. My private admiration society, they were equal parts "uncle" and protector, who left little gifts on the pillow of my psyche – respect, trust and faith in the goodness of men.

It is little wonder that I grew up interested in politics. Two of the men were journalists, one a newspaper columnist. My father insisted I watch "Meet the Press" each Sunday and that I never miss William F. Buckley's "Firing Line." I confess to liking Buckley, but the all-male lineups on MTP left me bored and amazed that my father could tell them apart.

Most of the time, the kitchen was a Socratic classroom in which we'd pick up the conversation where we'd left off the previous night. Ever since my mother's death when I was three, my father had been a constant – my mentor, teacher, driver and, as

he used to joke, my butler. He taught me how to think, how to do, and how to be: "Be slow to know, Katalina."

Of necessity, "Popsie" was also my personal chef. He had learned basic culinary skills as well as sewing in college, where he claimed he had taken a home economics class. Maybe he was imagining a time when he might have to fend for himself, or more likely, trying to confect alternatives to his odd, convent-raised mother's unimaginative gruel. His explanation for taking the course was that "that's where all the girls were" – a World War II-era version of "Must Love Dogs."

Preparing supper together was a ritual that kept us both sane and less lonely. Avid timekeepers, we'd rendezvous in the kitchen promptly at six, no -ish about it. The kitchen featured a large cooking island, otherwise known as Popsie's lectern, where he would assume command, while I, the perennial plebe, perched on a plain wooden stool as sous chef, peeled the potatoes.

We talked. And talked through cooking and dinner – and sometimes until much later when we topped off the evening with Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show." Apparently, we were night owls, though I'm a morning dove these days.

Whatever critical thinking skills I acquired in life, I attribute primarily to these kitchen talks. The son of an English professor and, by age 14, a state-champion debater, my father possessed the gift of language. And, thanks to his mother's unique cruelties (she put him to bed at 5 p.m.

and hid him in a closet when he was born with the second and third toes connected), he developed a wicked wit and a grand sense of humor. Always entertaining, his wit could be lethal. Quickness was essential for those attracted to his gaze.

Fortunately for me, I learned to read his mind and could distract the laser beam of his gimlet eye. I was a good listener which, he frequently argued, is all a man wants from a woman. Hmmmm. He also said that marriage is a long conversation, which probably explained his serial husbandry. When he was about to wed his fifth wife, I reminded him of the long conversation, whereupon he said, "If I want intellectual stimulation, I'll go to the library."

I've missed my father for more than 20 years now, though I sometimes catch the glow of his cigarette as he steps from behind a distant tree.

Of course, he would haunt a stand of trees, the subject of many of our God-filled talks and the company he often sought. Most evenings between work and supper, he'd fix a cocktail and, taking the garden hose in his other hand, walk up the hill to water a dozen oaks he had planted there. A boy raised among rosaries, the grown man found prayer in a church of living oaks.

Come to think of it, that's what he was. He was my oak – sturdy and constant as the plain wooden stool in my kitchen. Happy Father's Day, Popsie. And thank you.

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Women’s attraction to man complicates their friendship

DEAR ABBY: My friend “Lauren” and her husband separated for a few months last summer. During the separation, she had a short fling with my friend “Zack,” whom she met at my house. Lauren decided to continue her marriage and, obviously, chose to stop seeing Zack.

A few months ago, Zack came to a party I threw. Lauren wasn’t able to make it. Everyone had a few margaritas, and as the night ended, I found myself having sex with Zack for the first time since our friendship began 10 or so years ago. It was so great, and we decided to do it again. I wasn’t sure I should tell Lauren, even though she’s a married woman, because I was afraid it might upset her.

A week ago, Zack confessed that he may be in love with me, and I feel the same way toward him. I decided to go ahead and tell Lauren, since my relationship with Zack is getting serious. She reacted terribly. She was furious and accused me of “betraying” her and trying to “one-up” her. She said I should have known how she felt about him and that I’m a terrible friend for having sex with him, let alone falling in love. Abby, are her feelings justified? Am I in the wrong? Or are we all still adults? – Accidentally In Love

DEAR ACCIDENTALLY IN LOVE: Lauren’s feelings justified? Heck, no! If you and Lauren are still speaking, “remind” her that when she went back to her husband, she relinquished all claims on the man she slept with in the interim. He’s entitled to a life and so are you. If I were you, I’d distance myself from this woman. She shouldn’t begrudge you for enjoying someone she can’t enjoy herself. Shame on her.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a student at an art school, and I’m struggling with anxiety and depression. I have been on lockdown in my hometown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, isolated from my friends and unable to socialize with others. Sometimes when I watch the news I become very anxious, and I wonder if there’s a light at the end of these dark times. What should I do? – Anxiety-Ridden In Atlanta

DEAR ANXIETY-RIDDEN: Welcome to the club! If you think you have been alone in experiencing these emotions, you couldn’t be more wrong. Many people feel just the way you do – anxious, isolated and depressed. You can manage negative emotions by getting out of the house and exercising – alone or with friends or neighbors – while staying a social distance apart – and keeping in touch with friends and classmates using your computer and cellphone. There’s no reason you couldn’t collaborate with some of them on an art project and create something spectacular using those devices.

Remind yourself that this quarantine is temporary. It isn’t going to last forever. Unless you have an underlying health condition or someone in your household does, you can mingle with others wearing a face covering and keeping your distance. From what I have been observing, some relationships have been strengthened as people reach out to comfort and help each other. A surefire way to overcome the blues is to start thinking about what you can do for someone else, even if it’s just a phone call to say, “I’m thinking about you. How are you doing?”

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- 14 Earthen pot
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- 16 Actress — Archer
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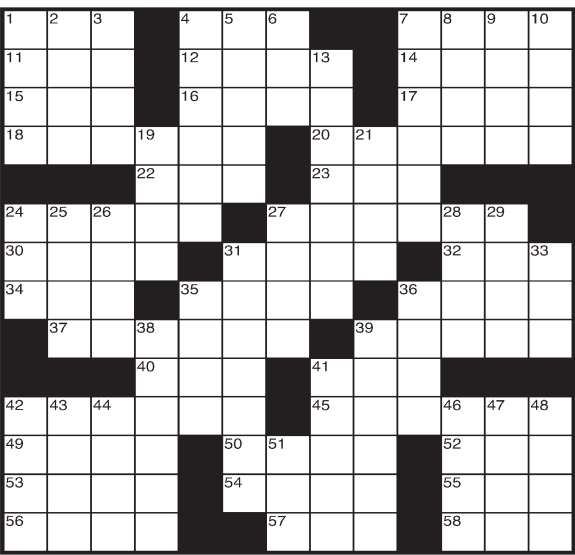
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- 52 Shogun’s yes
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- 54 Delightful place
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- 3 Gnaw
- 4 Whiz kids
- 5 Column type
- 6 Shoe color
- 7 Tall hat
- 8 — gin fizz
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- 10 Under lock and key
- 13 Insert a coin
- 19 Runs a fever
- 21 Fierce whale
- 24 Prince William’s cousin
- 25 Swit co-star
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- 27 Great Lakes port
- 28 A woodwind
- 29 Mental acuity
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- 33 Morse syllable
- 35 Je ne sais —
- 36 Annoys
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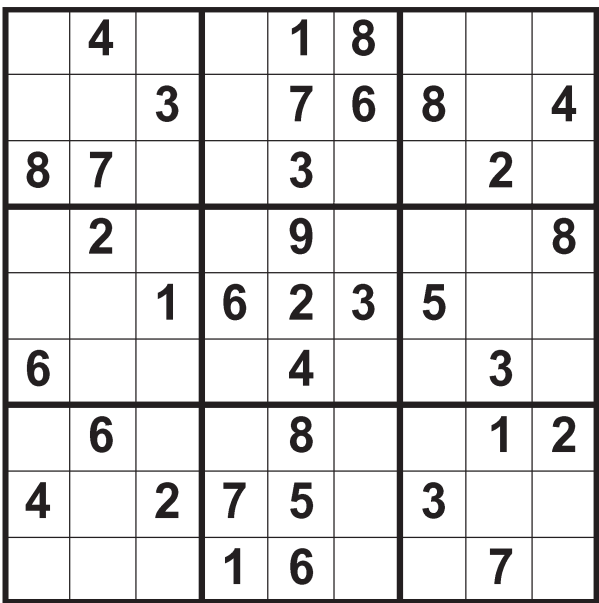
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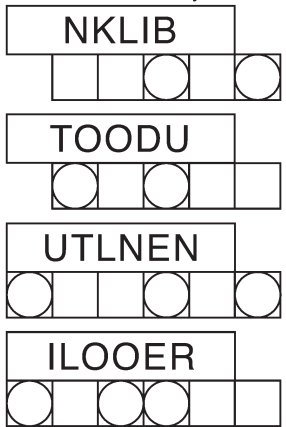
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Ans. here: ○○○○

Yesterday’s Jumbles: OFTEN GRIND SOCCER MUTINY
Answer: She bought the new wristwatch, and then it was — TIME TO GO

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

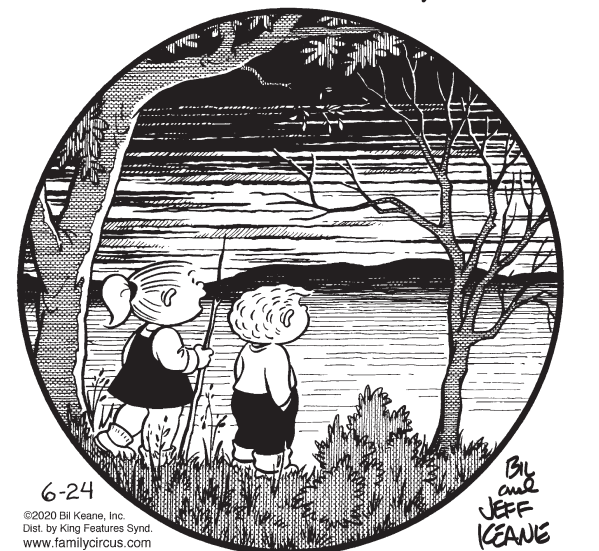


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Answers tomorrow

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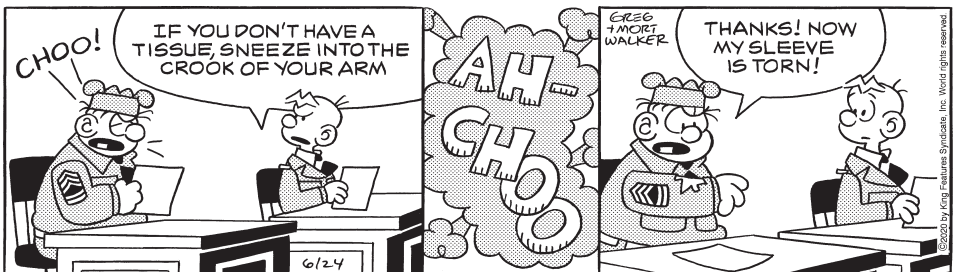
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“Boy! We sure wore this day to a stub.”

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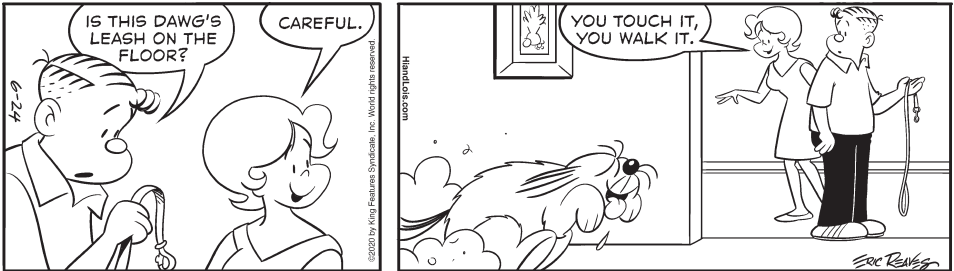
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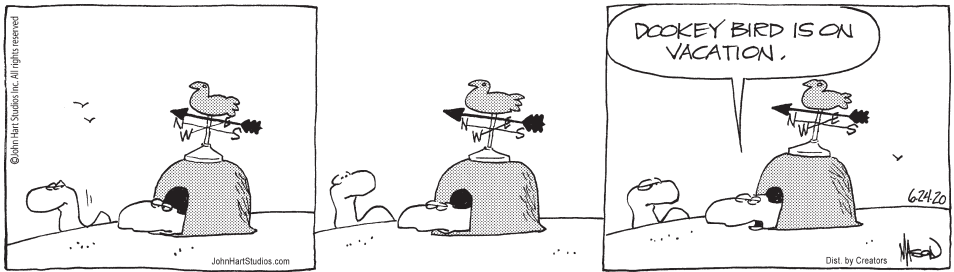
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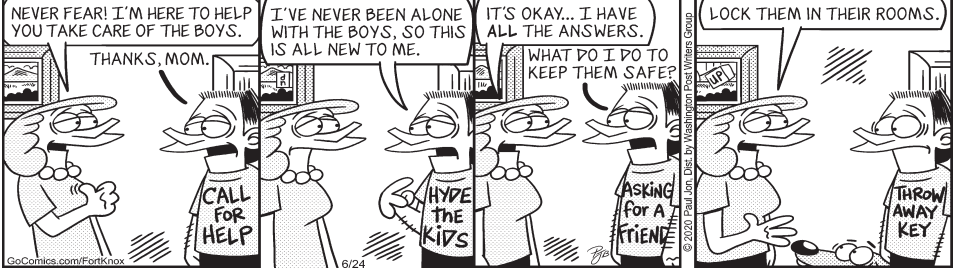
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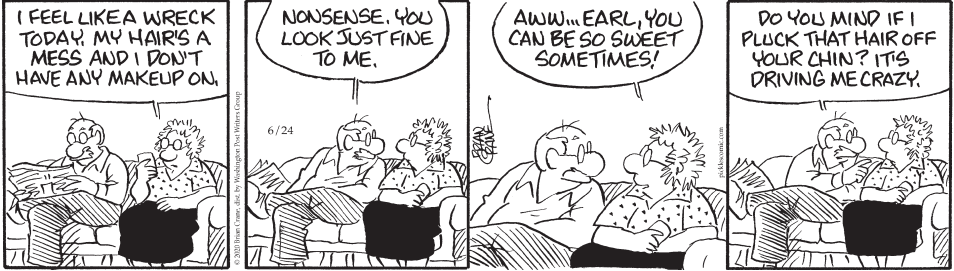
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Politics affects community life

Q: I think all of America is dreading this political season where so much hate abounds. What should the Christian position be when all sides are fighting each other? – P.D.

A: America was founded on Biblical principles; our laws are based on Scripture. Many of our forefathers, thankfully, were Christians. In the early days of our nation, politicians quoted the Bible so frequently that they didn’t even have to give references because most of the nation’s settlers knew the Bible. The word politics has a much wider meaning than merely a political party or party platform. Politics affects community life – our towns, our cities, our states, and our country. Churches filled with Christians have a right to be deeply concerned about where politics takes

our nation.

The common life of humanity is part of the church’s concern because it is part of God’s concern; and in these days, especially, it is important that people should be reminded that all life – political, social, economic, and industrial – must be subject to the eternal laws of God. This is why it is so important that Christians be involved in who governs our nation and how its laws impact the future.

The church has a spiritual ministry of bringing men and women into a right relationship with one another as well

as with God. The church is not preaching the whole Gospel unless it emphasizes righteousness in our daily living through salvation found only in Christ.

We have forgotten that our nation grew strong in an era when moral standards were emphasized; it has grown weak because we condone that which we once condemned. The secret strength of a nation is found in the faith that abides in the hearts, homes and families. We must return to the faith of our fathers which comes from God’s Word.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-85- 06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1, 1957, PROHIBITING THE CUTTING OF THE SURFACE OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PROVIDING FOR PERMITS AND CHARGES THEREFOR, AND REGULATING THE REPLACEMENT OF MATERIAL IN THE CUTS MADE, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

There is in effect Ordinance #1, 1957, prohibiting the cutting of the surface of county highways without the permission of the Board of Commissioners, providing for permits and charges therefor, and regulating the replacement of material in the cuts made, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.


The Board of Commissioners wish to amend that ordinance as provided herein.

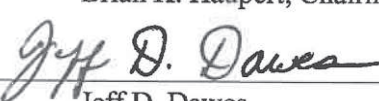
IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED THAT Ordinance #1, 1957, is amended as follows:

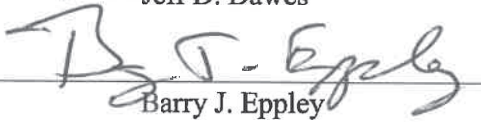
1. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to cut, excavate through or under, dig across, or otherwise disturb the surface of any of the public highways of this County ("Work") without first obtaining permission from the Board of Commissioners so to do.
2. No Work shall be performed until the person contemplating such Work ("Applicant") shall receive a permit from the Board of Commissioners following written application thereto.
3. Each application shall be accompanied by a \$75.00 permit fee.
4. Each application shall also be accompanied by the sum of \$1,000.00 to be held as a security deposit ("Security Deposit"), without liability for interest, to secure the full and faithful performance by the Applicant of the provisions of this Ordinance. Upon completion of all work to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners, the Security Deposit will be refunded to the Applicant. However, the Board of Commissioners may apply the Security Deposit to any costs or damages caused by Applicant by failing to complete the Work to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners, without waiving or limiting the Board's right to further hold Applicant responsible for costs or damages not covered by the Security Deposit.
5. By signing an application, each Applicant shall agree to the following provisions:
 - 5.1. Applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board and the County, and the County's officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims and liabilities arising from or connected with the Work, including without limitation, any damage or injury to person.
 - 5.2. Applicant shall pay all of the reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the Board and/or County in enforcing the terms and conditions of this Ordinance, including collection of any costs, damages, and/or fines.
 - 5.3. Applicant shall complete all Work within ten (10) days after it is started, or if out of season within 30 days of hot mix asphalt being available from a nearby asphalt plant.
6. Prior to starting Work, each Applicant shall:
 - 6.1. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to starting the Work, notify the following in writing of the date and time Work is to start:
 - 6.1.1. the County Highway Superintendent.
 - 6.1.2. County Central Dispatch, and
 - 6.1.3. Any school districts whose bus routes will be affected while the Work is in progress.
 - 6.2. Deliver to the Highway Superintendent certificates of liability insurance showing the Board of Commissioners, Wabash County, and the County's officers, employees, and agents as additional insureds, in an amount determined by the Board.
7. While the Work is in progress, Applicant shall:
 - 7.1. Perform all work related to the Project in a good and workmanlike manner.
 - 7.2. Allow progress inspections by the County Highway Superintendent at all reasonable times.
 - 7.3. Install and maintain all proper traffic control signage.
 - 7.4. Properly dispose of all spoils generated from the Work.
 - 7.5. Prior to backfill, notify County Highway Superintendent to give the Superintendent a reasonable opportunity to inspect the Work.
 - 7.6. All cuts shall be backfilled as follows: #8 limestone to a minimum of 6" above installed utility; #53 limestone compacted in 6" lifts to not more than 4" below original grade; and, final lift shall be a minimum of 4" of #9 Surface hot mix asphalt compacted in place to match original grade, to make the road surface safe for traffic.
8. Applicant shall notify the Board, in writing, within one (1) week after all Work has been completed.
9. In cases where any Court of this State shall order the Work, the contractor for said work shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the same as if it were the Applicant.
10. Any Applicant violating any of the provisions of this ordinance may be fined up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation, after notice and hearing provided by the Board of Commissioners.
11. This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2020.

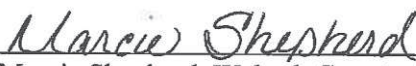
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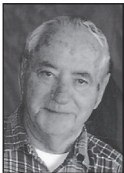
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Billy ‘Ray’ Collins

Aug. 9, 1932 – June 22, 2020



Billy “Ray” Collins, 87, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2020 at Miller’s Mertry Manor East in Wabash. He was born August 9, 1932 in Dungannon, Virginia to Bryant and Lula (Sweeney) Collins. Ray was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War. He married Mary Sue Tucker in Wise, Virginia on January 30, 1959; she died October 3, 2005. He worked at Peabody Seating Company in North Manchester, Indiana for 25 years

retiring in 1995, and also worked eight years as a security guard for Pinkerton. Ray was a former member of the American Legion Post 15, Eagles Lodge, and FOP all of Wabash. He was an avid coon hunter and fisherman. He is survived by nieces and nephews, Brenda (Willis) Hiner, Mary (Michael) Randall, Harley (Erica Roberts) Hiner, Memphis Hiner, Logan Hiner, Nolan Hiner, Harleigh Hiner, Ava Hiner, and Bella Hiner, all of Wabash. He was also preceded

in death by his parents, brother, Floyd Collins, and niece, Sue Ann Collins. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Tom Graf and Harley Hiner officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 5-7 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Christian Heritage Church. The memorial guest book for Ray may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

PENDING SERVICES

Lois J. Roser: 86, of rural Wabash, Indiana died at 3:39 pm Monday, June 22, 2020 at her home. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

FIREWORKS

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only between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on most days that are not holidays, but this may be limited further by local ordinances. Check with local officials.

- On holidays including

Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and New Year’s Eve, fireworks may be used between 9 a.m. and midnight. You should check first with local officials. The times on the following dates are protected in Indiana for consumer use of fireworks and may not be pro-

hibited by local ordinance:
■ June 29 to July 3: From 5 p.m. until two hours after sunset
■ July 4: From 10 a.m. to midnight
■ July 5 to July 9: From 5 p.m. until two hours after sunset
■ Dec. 31: From 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

PULSE

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from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at the 13-24 Drive-In Theater, 890 N. Indiana 13. The event is free to the community and anyone interested in learning more about Hope House is encouraged to attend. The “Lego Batman” movie will be showing and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. Gates open at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin at approximately 9:35 p.m. Raffle winners will be announced before the movie. A fund at the Community Foundation has been established to receive contributions. All free-will donations will be directed to the Hope House Fund and will be used to sponsor rooms, pay salaries, and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home. The Community Foundation of Wabash County will be processing donations and administering the Hope House Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation located at 105 W. Second St., North Manchester, with Hope House in the memo line. For more information, visit www.hopehousemarion.org.

Wabash County Museum open once again

The Wabash County Museum’s new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information,

visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

North Manchester July 4 fireworks move to high school

Manchester University is collaborating with Manchester Community Schools and the town of North Manchester to present the 2020 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display on Saturday, July 4. The rain date is Sunday, July 5. The free celebration kicks off at 9 p.m. with the Manchester Civic Band. Families and individuals are encouraged to come early to find a spot, maintaining social distancing with those not in their households, and have a great time. Lawn chairs or blankets will make viewing more comfortable. Parking is available at Manchester High School, Manchester Administrative Building and Manchester Recreation Association. The Rotary Club of North Manchester will sell food, water and soft drinks. The North Manchester Fire Department will light up the sky over the high school baseball field at 10 p.m. with fireworks. For the safety of guests, no alcohol, sparklers or personal fireworks are permitted. Those taking pictures or posting to social media can use #MUJuly4 to share their pictures. There will be no speakers or children’s activities this year.

Wabash County 4-H Fair schedule announced

■ Tuesday, July 7: 7:30 p.m. – Public Fashion Revue at Legacy Hall in the Honeywell Center.
■ Wednesday, July 8: 7 p.m. 10-year Member Recognition at the Honeywell Center.
■ Friday, July 10: 10 a.m. – Horse and Pony Show.
■ Sunday, July 12: 3:30 p.m. – Rabbit Show.
■ Monday, July 13: 10 a.m. – Beef Show; and 3 p.m. – Poultry Show.
■ Tuesday July 14: 10 a.m. – Sheep Show; and noon – Meat Goat, Goat, and Pygmy Goat shows, in that order.
■ Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. – Dairy Show.
■ Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.
■ Saturday, July 18: 1 p.m. – Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. – Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Wabash Art Guild workshop approaching

The Wabash Art Guild is set to host an acrylics-painting workshop featuring Terry Puley. The deadline for entries is Monday, July 6. The workshop itself is set for Thursday, July 9 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m. The class will begin at 9 a.m. with a break to eat a bring-your-own sack-lunch. The workshop will continue until about 3 p.m. For more information, call 574-453-6772 or email heartgiraffe@yahoo.com.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

North Manchester Center for History open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester.

30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.”

Pubs, restaurants in England to reopen as virus toll eases

By **JILL LAWLESS** and **DANICA KIRKA**
Associated Press

LONDON — Millions of people in Britain will be able to go to the pub, visit a movie theater, get a haircut or attend a religious service starting July 4, in a major loosening of coronavirus lockdown restrictions. But they will have to wait a bit longer to see a concert, get a tattoo or go to the gym.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Tuesday that “our long national hibernation is beginning to come to an end,” announcing that restaurants, bars, hotels, hairdressers, cinemas and museums will be able to reopen next month. Other businesses where people are in close contact, including gyms, pools and spas have to stay shut for now.

“We cannot lift all the restrictions at once, so we have to make difficult judgments,” Johnson said.

The government’s decision will help thaw a British economy that has been in deep freeze since March, when a nationwide lockdown was imposed to slow the spread of the virus.

Since then, Britain has suffered Europe’s worst coronavirus outbreak, with

42,927 confirmed dead, the third-highest total in the world behind the United States and Brazil.

Johnson said that the more the country opened up, “the more vigilant we will have to be.”

The government said the looser restrictions were a big step on the road back to normality. In a related move, it said it was scrapping the daily news conferences held since March where government ministers, scientists and health officials give updates on the outbreak.

From now on, there only will be press conferences “to coincide with significant announcements,” the government said.

Starting July 4, places of worship will be allowed to hold services, though singing by choirs and congregations remains banned since it could transmit the virus. For the same reason, live music and theater performances are still off-limits.

Most international travel remains out of reach, but the government gave the green light to staycations with the reopening of hotels and campsites. For the first time since March, people will also be able to stay overnight with friends or relatives.

The government also

announced that social-distancing rules will be relaxed. From July 4, individuals will be advised to stay at least 1 meter apart from others, rather than requiring 2 meters – as long as they take other measures to reduce transmission of the virus, such as wearing a mask in enclosed spaces.

Pubs and restaurants have been lobbying the government to reduce the distance rule, saying many will go under if customers have to stay 2 meters apart. One meter is the minimum distance recommended by the World Health Organization.

The social distancing requirement is also a concern for educators hoping to safely open British schools in the fall.

The government said businesses will be getting detailed advice on how to become “COVID-secure,” with measures including visors for hairdressers and only table service provided in bars. And it said people should only meet indoors with members of one other household at a time.

The measures announced by Johnson apply only in England. Other parts of the U.K. – Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – are under different virus plans.



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- Levels of declining brain function were directly related to the amount of hearing loss.
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